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GOVERNOR'S LILAC COMMISSION ANNOUNCES 2004 PHOTO CONTEST

The Governor's Lilac and Wildflower Commission announces the 2004 Lilac Photo Contest is underway, with this year's winning prizes ranging from a whale watch excursion to a dinner dance cruise aboard the M/S Mount Washington.

The Lilac and Wildflower Commission is chaired by New Hampshire Department of Transportation landscape specialist supervisor Guy Giunta, who says the goal of the annual lilac photo contest is to develop public appreciation of New Hampshire's official state flower. Last year's first place winner was Jennifer Boswak, of Chichester, NH.

The contest is open to amateur photographers, who may submit up to three 4 x 6 inch or 3-1/2 x 5 inch color photographs of lilacs taken in a New Hampshire setting during the 2004 lilac season. Photos must be accompanied by negatives, a specific description of the photographic location, and the variety of lilac pictured, if known. The postmark deadline for entering the contest is June 30, 2004.

Entry forms can be obtained at any New Hampshire Welcome Center and rest area, Blue Seal and Agway Stores, most McDonald's Restaurants, Photos Plus Stores, Cameron's Sod Farm, Canobie Lake Park, The Common Man Restaurants, The 1875 Inn at Tilton, Conway Scenic Railroad, and the Mount Washington Cruise at Weirs Beach. Entries may be dropped off at any Photos Plus location, or can be sent to Photos Plus, 861 Hanover St., East Side Plaza, Manchester, NH 03104-5419, ATTENTION: LILAC PHOTO CONTEST.

The grand prize in this year's photo contest is a deep-sea sport fishing or whale-watching excursion for up to six passengers, a \$500 value. A total of 12 prizes will be awarded.

The Governor's Lilac Commission was established in 1984 by Governor John Sununu to promote extensive planting of lilacs throughout New Hampshire.